

Robert. Vane Sept^r 12th 1840

I beg leave to state in answer to your letter dated the 4th - requesting to be furnished with a Schedule of Taxes Fees or Duties collected by me and by what authority I run the same and being acquainted with the official returns required I can only state for your Information that the Fees I receive for the Inspection of Pathe is six pence per the Inspection fees and ten pence per seven for ships the same belonging to myself - as mentioned in the Paughtering Act dated the 7 June 1817 during the Administration of Gov^t by L^d Goddard and again in the Paughtering Act dated Feb^y 6th 1830 during the administration of His Exy Gov Arthur - with respect to the Dues which I pay to the Gov^t for Paughtering at the Gov^t Paughter House to the Colonial Treasurer I always deliver in at the same time to the Auditor of Accounts the Names & Number of Pathe's Paught for each Person - and for which I pay for all the Paughted for the Supply of Contracts for the Gov^t the sum of Three Shillings per the in compliance with Gen^l Order on that ^{Subject} - April 6th 1828. with respect

to the latter Paughter for Private Sale by the Butcher
in the Town I pay to the Gov^t the Sillings & Expense
for H^o - for the Wear and Tear of the necessary Articles
agreed for the same - and Two Shillings and two pence
for I pay and Divide amongst Six Men employed
as Butchers - out of which the have to pay for
their Knives & Peel the Brooms for cleansing the
Paughter House - Sillings for cutting the latter - Fireing
for cooking their Victuals and Extra Clothing & other of
the same according to me - The same was by L^d Gov^t Sillings
orders to me when I took Charge of the Paughter House
on 1st Nov^r - 1823 .. as it was is wish to remove the
Paughtering of the latter from the different yards of
the Butchers in Town - as such I volunteered myself
to induce them to bring their latter to Gov^t Paughter
House - where the Expenses was left to them and more
attention paid to their Interest - and it has at the
same time remunerated the Gov^t for all Expenses
incurred - which was my principal Motive for
undertaking what was not known of me - as I have
only to Paughter what might be called for for the supply
of the Gov^t - I have therefore acted by what authority

I Receive and Love and the Fees & Dues which I pay to the
Govt^t with the respect^{ful} notice you have signified if you
will be kind enough to furnish me with a copy of same
being unacquainted with the Form or Manner required
I should feel greatly obliged - and furnish the same
as early as I possibly can - being absent at home from
day light until the evening - I remain &c

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